GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD AND JUVENILE HOMES
Gangwar Shri Santosh Kumar

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have failed in setting up Juvenile Justice Board and Juvenile homes;

(b) whether the Supreme Court has given its observation on the issue;

(c) if so,whether the Government has issued directives to the States in this regard;

(d) if so,the details thereof; and

(e) if not,the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a): As per the information available in the Ministry, the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, Chhatisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Sikkam, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, National Capital Territory of Delhi, Orissa and Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Chandigarh have constituted Juvenile Justice Boards and Juvenile homes under the provisions of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act,2000.

(b): Yes,Sir.

(c) to (e): As per Section 4 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act,2000, State Governments/UT Administrations are required to constitute Juvenile Justice Boards.Section 8 of the Act also provides for setting up of the observation homes for temporary reception of any juvenile in conflict with law during the pendency of any inquiry regarding them.The responsibility for proper implementation of the provisions of the Act lies with the State Governments/UT Administrations.However,Ministry of Women and Child Development has been taking up matter with the State Governments from time to time for proper implementation of the provisions of the Act.